

AN APPEAL.

Pierre, February 21, 1890.

The Senate and House of Representatives have passed with practical unanimity, after a full investigation and understanding of the situation, the following joint Resolution:

WHEREAS certain sections of our State have been visited by severe drouth and a large number of honest and deserving farmers are in great need of seed grain of all kinds to seed their land the coming spring.

AND WHEREAS the Constitution of this State declares the issuing of Bonds by Townships, Counties or State, for the relief of these so situated to be illegal and it also being impossible under their financial embarrassments to obtain credit sufficient to buy their needed supplies of grain, therefore, be it

Resolved. That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, recommend that aid be asked from the more prosperous portions of our own State, and also from the large cities of the States directly interested in Dakota's welfare, and the Governor of this State is hereby requested to act as a committee to carry out the intent of this resolution, and to appoint an Executive Committee of five citizens of the State to assist him in the apportionment and distribution of all monies and other supplies received by him for the use of those needing them.

The Executive guarantees the expenditure of every cent contributed for the *purchase of grain* without calling for *expenses of any kind*, and will make the entire work of contribution and distribution, a matter of public and permanent record in this office and render an accurate account of every dollar received, of every bushel of grain purchased and of every individual who receives the grain to the person named by the contributors to audit the same.

Each agent so named will be invited to attend every convention of the representatives of the counties receiving the contributions and assist in placing the supplies only in the hands of those who are unable to obtain them in any other way.

This appeal is made to the people of South Dakota, with confidence that they will esteem it a privilege to help their brothers in time of need.

Several thousand of our best farmers have been rendered destitute. They have been furnished with the necessities of life during the winter by the contributions of a generous, Christian people. They are still helpless. *A little aid just now* will save many hundred of our best families to the State, and restore to them prosperity.

A few counties are entirely destitute of seed and feed, except as supplied from without, quite a number of others are partially so and will make every possible effort to help themselves.

After all other resources are exhausted a large number of people will be helpless, except as you aid them.

A bushel of seed now means ten bushels at harvest time.

In the aggregate this help to the helpless means at least a million dollars increase of our products this year, to say nothing of the future. Let there be a thorough organization and every one contribute his mite, however small.

The Constitutional provisions restraining aid by counties renders this appeal necessary.

Whatever is done, must be done at once, as seed time is upon us, and only comes once a year.

Very respectfully

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Committee.